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PATENT

Applicant:	Kishore Tipirneni	Docket No.:	51491.0117
Serial No.:	10/779,892	Group Art Unit:	3774
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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE FIXATION OF BONE FRACTURES	Confirmation No:	9636

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Dear Commissioner:

Applicant replies to the Final Office Action dated May 14, 2009 within two months, so after entry of the RCE filed herewith, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this document.